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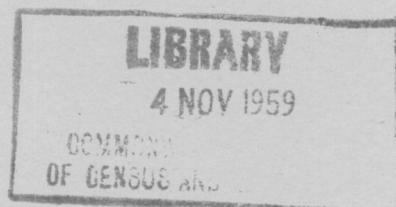
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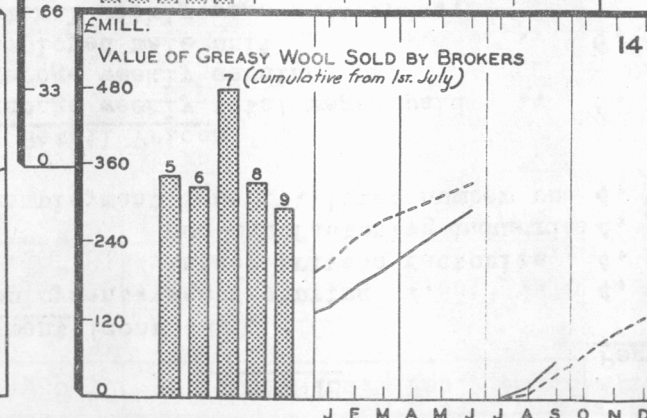
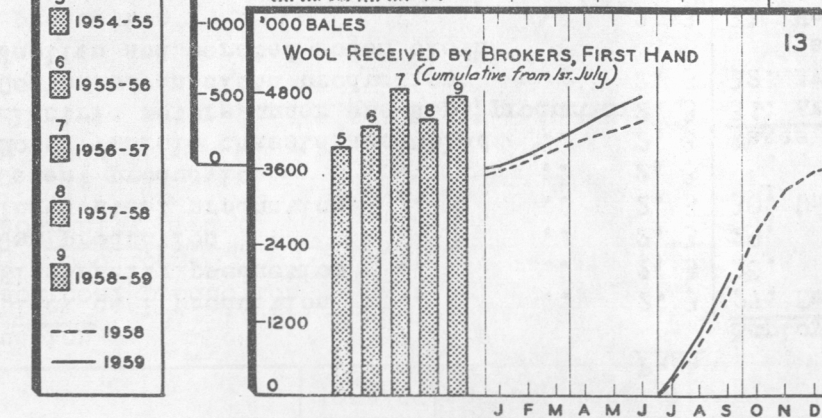
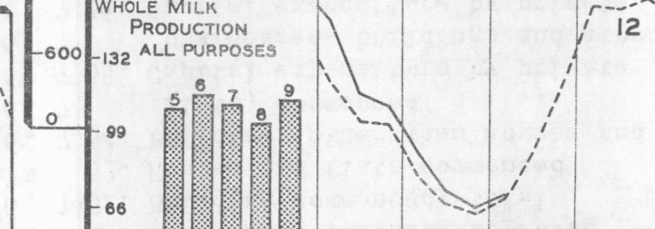
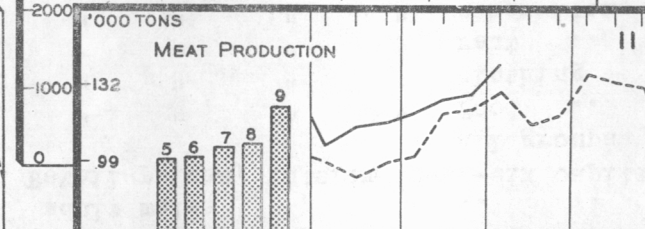
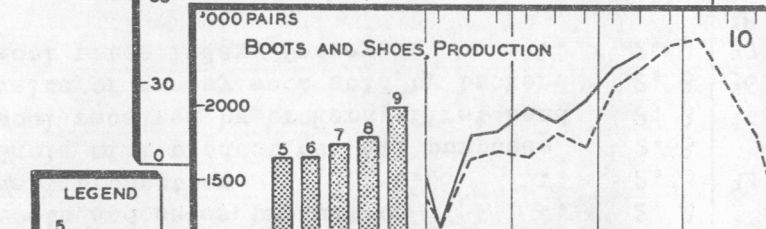
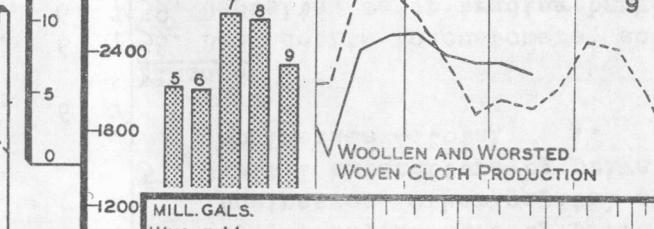
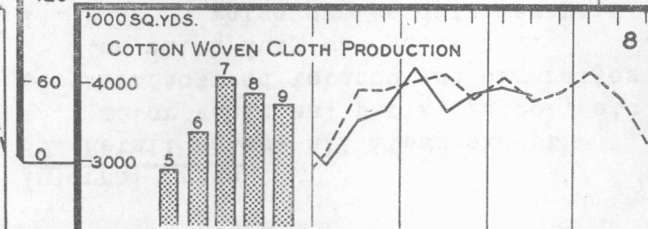
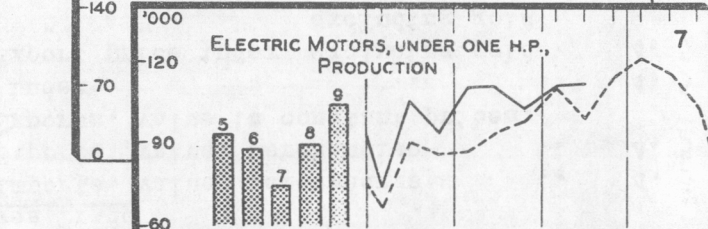
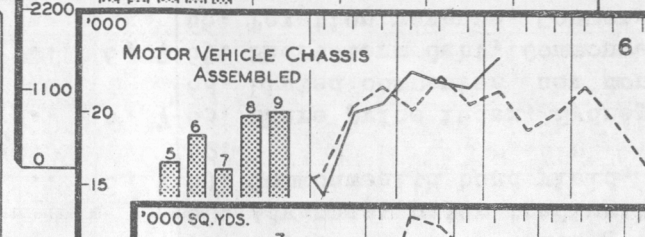
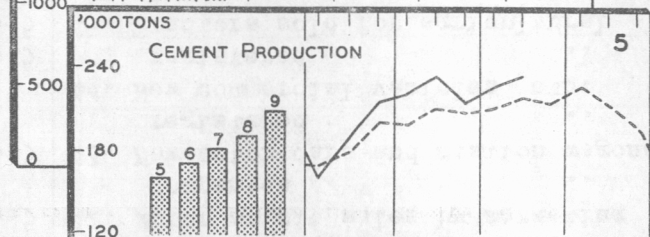
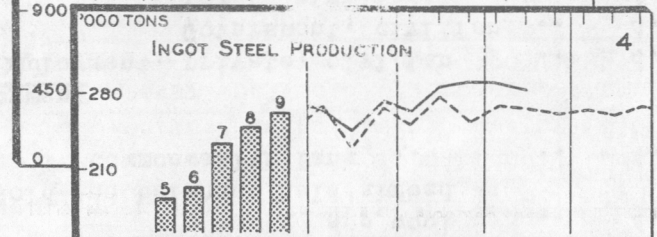
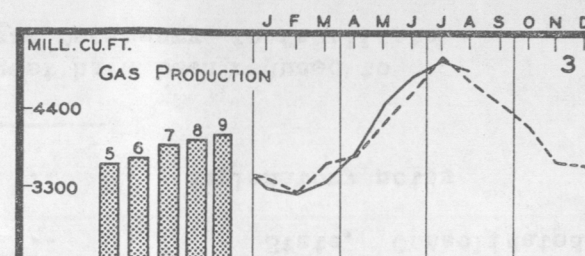
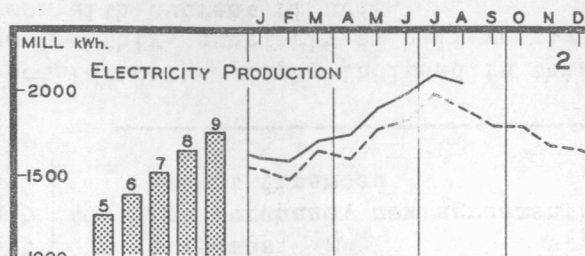
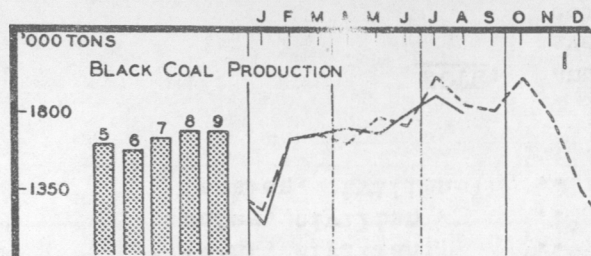


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NOTE: Annual totals in the graphs included in this Digest have been reduced to averages (monthly, quarterly or half-yearly) where necessary, to facilitate comparison with current figures.



| | 1954-55 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black coal production | | | | | | *1958 : | 1,233 | 1,661 | 1,670 | 1,620 | 1,769 | 1,708 | 2,017 | 1,837 | 1,803 | 1,994 | 1,764 | 1,349 |
| '000 tons | 19,352 | 19,033 | 19,711 | *20,362 | *20,383 | *1959 : | 1,133 | 1,660 | +1,673 | 1,701 | 1,671 | +1,781 | 1,887 | 1,791 | | | | |
| Electricity production | | | | | | *1958 : | 1,518 | 1,468 | 1,632 | 1,588 | 1,766 | 1,813 | 1,968 | 1,852 | 1,775 | 1,774 | 1,660 | 1,638 |
| mill. kWh. | 15,172 | 16,675 | 18,289 | 19,796 | *21,135 | *1959 : | 1,591 | 1,574 | 1,688 | 1,731 | 1,893 | +1,991 | +2,104 | 2,008 | | | | |
| Gas production | | | | | | *1958 : | 3,429 | 3,232 | 3,663 | 3,701 | 4,203 | 4,646 | 5,131 | 4,774 | 4,431 | 4,147 | 3,663 | 3,596 |
| mill. cub. ft. | 43,465 | 44,578 | 46,653 | 47,655 | *48,655 | *1959 : | 3,253 | 3,190 | 3,384 | 3,769 | 4,453 | 4,864 | +5,085 | 4,892 | | | | |
| Ingot steel production | | | | | | 1958 : | 270 | 233 | 266 | 254 | 277 | 257 | *270 | *267 | *264 | *265 | *263 | *270 |
| '000 tons | 2,211 | 2,353 | 2,810 | 3,115 | *3,195 | *1959 : | +267 | 244 | 274 | 265 | 287 | 292 | 291 | 285 | | | | |
| Cement production | | | | | | *1958 : | 167 | 178 | 200 | 196 | 209 | 206 | 209 | 215 | 213 | 224 | 210 | 193 |
| '000 tons | 1,920 | 2,035 | 2,173 | 2,291 | *2,491 | *1959 : | 159 | 190 | 215 | 218 | 232 | 213 | 223 | 229 | | | | |
| Motor vehicle chassis assembled | | | | | | 1958 : | 15.9 | 20.7 | 21.9 | 20.4 | 22.7 | 20.8 | *21.5 | *18.9 | *20.1 | *22.0 | *19.7 | *16.8 |
| '000 | 200.6 | 222.1 | 193.9 | 239.1 | *241.3 | *1959 : | 14.4 | 20.2 | 20.8 | 23.0 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 23.9 | | | | | |
| Electric motors, under one h.p. production | | | | | | *1958 : | 67.1 | 90.1 | 85.8 | 87.5 | 93.7 | 97.8 | 108.5 | 99.4 | 113.6 | 120.5 | 114.5 | 103.4 |
| '000 | 1,123 | 1,055 | 898 | 1,066 | *1,251 | *1959 : | 73.3 | 104.0 | 92.7 | 109.3 | 109.7 | 102.2 | 109.0 | 111.3 | | | | |
| Cotton woven cloth production | | | | | | *1958 : | 3,143 | 3,842 | 3,848 | 3,985 | 4,045 | 3,746 | 4,027 | 3,728 | 3,829 | 4,090 | 3,790 | 3,205 |
| '000 sq. yd. | 34,424 | 40,151 | 48,225 | 45,797 | *44,333 | *1959 : | 2,914 | 3,521 | 3,619 | 4,176 | 3,607 | 3,827 | 3,931 | 3,787 | | | | |
| Woollen and worsted woven cloth production | | | | | | *1958 : | 2,194 | 2,967 | 2,914 | 2,688 | 2,330 | 1,940 | +2,069 | +1,973 | +2,163 | +2,522 | +2,451 | +2,120 |
| '000 sq. yd. | 25,661 | 25,255 | 32,782 | 32,119 | *27,249 | *1959 : | +1,618 | +2,471 | +2,559 | +2,580 | +2,389 | +2,334 | 2,338 | 2,249 | | | | |
| Boots and shoes, production | | | | | | *1958 : | 1,163 | 1,647 | 1,701 | 1,675 | 1,828 | 1,716 | 2,152 | 2,267 | 2,433 | 2,486 | 2,136 | 1,807 |
| '000 pairs | 19,881 | 19,816 | 20,938 | 21,388 | *24,014 | *1959 : | 1,166 | 1,811 | 1,820 | 1,988 | 1,902 | 2,046 | 2,270 | 2,374 | | | | |
| Meat production | | | | | | 1958 : | 101.6 | 96.2 | 101.3 | 104.3 | 123.0 | 123.8 | *130.0 | *115.1 | *119.5 | *137.4 | *133.5 | *131.3 |
| '000 tons | 1207.5 | 1225.1 | 1270.1 | 1316.3 | *1479.6 | *1959 : | 107.4 | 114.5 | 115.6 | 120.5 | 126.4 | 128.4 | 141.6 | | | | | |
| Whole milk production, all purposes | | | | | | 1958 : | 120.5 | 105.2 | 104.3 | 81.9 | 69.3 | 64.4 | *71.8 | *91.6 | *124.5 | *156.5 | *154.4 | *160.4 |
| mill. gals. | 1,326 | 1,402 | 1,358 | 1,264 | *1,370 | *1959 : | 148.2 | 117.4 | 111.3 | 91.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | *73.8 | | | | | |
| Wool received by brokers, first hand. | | | | | | 1958 : | 3,605 | 3,716 | 3,898 | 4,075 | 4,225 | 4,353 | 262 | 771 | 1,648 | 2,592 | 3,261 | 3,540 |
| '000 bales | 3,926 | 4,256 | 4,867 | 4,353 | 4,735 | 1959 : | 3,655 | 3,793 | 4,046 | 4,324 | 4,561 | 4,735 | 296 | 951 | 1,978 | | | |
| Value of greasy wool sold by brokers. | | | | | | 1958 : | 211.8 | 249.3 | 280.2 | 296.2 | 315.3 | 334.8 | - | 8.2 | 36.0 | 69.3 | 101.4 | 123.7 |
| £ mill. | 347.0 | 329.4 | 478.0 | 334.8 | 292.7 | 1959 : | 145.4 | 178.1 | 201.0 | 235.5 | 262.5 | 292.7 | 0.1 | 14.4 | 58.3 | | | |
| Wool price index, Sydney | | | | | | 1958 : | 60.0 | 62.0 | 56.0 | 53.0 | 52.0 | 53.0 | (a) | 47.0 | 47.0 | 44.5 | 45.0 | 43.5 |
| d. per lb. greasy | 71.3 | 61.5 | 76.7 | 62.4 | 48.0 | 1959 : | 42.5 | 45.0 | 46.0 | 55.0 | 55.0 | 53.0 | (a) | 59.0 | *57.0 | | | |

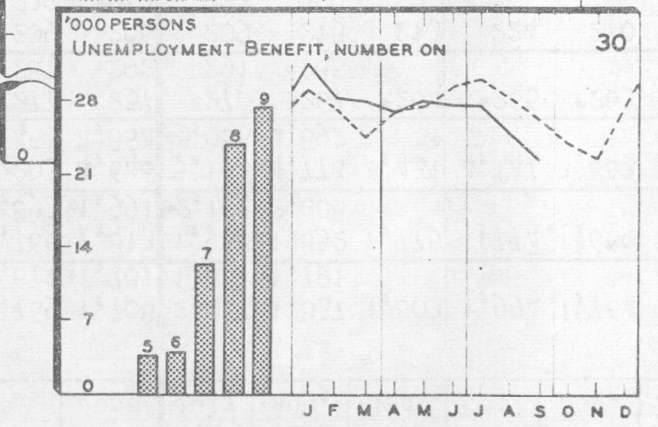
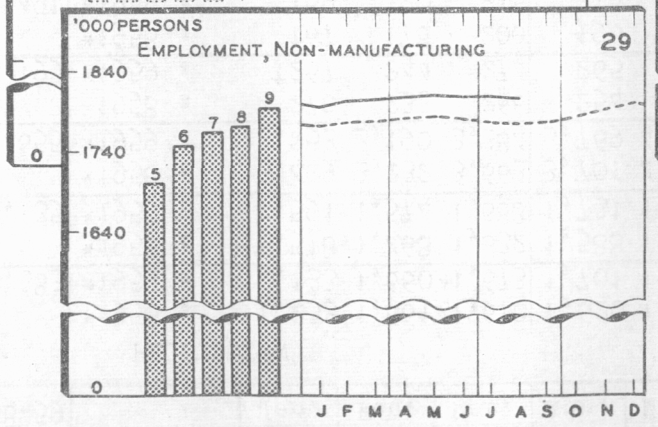
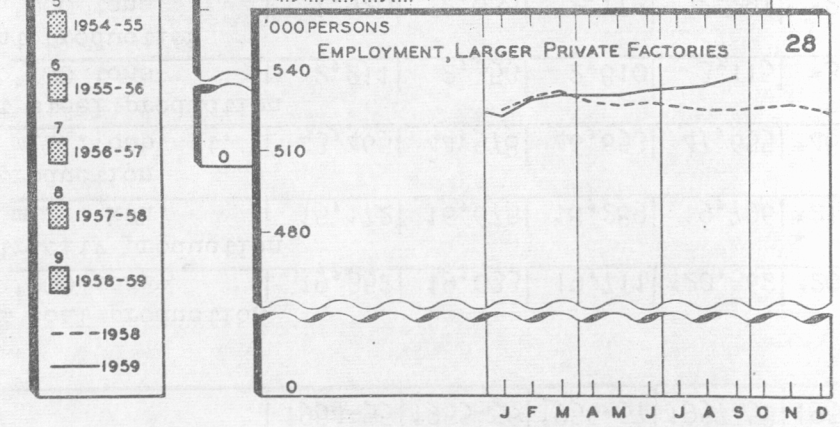
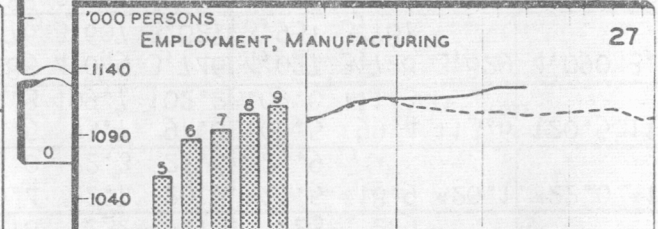
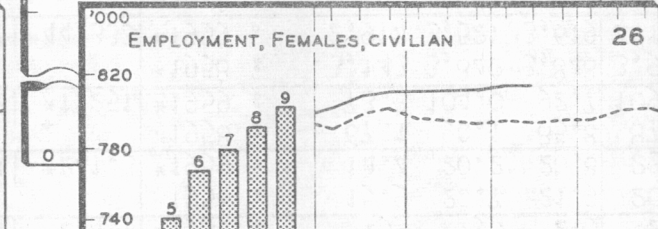
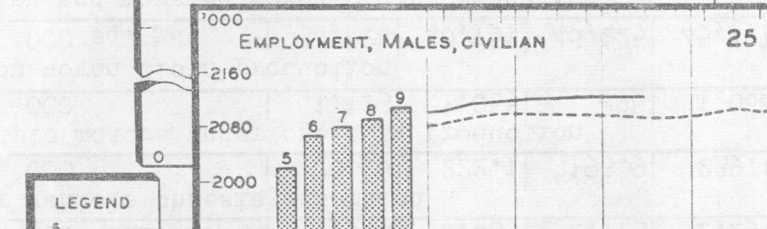
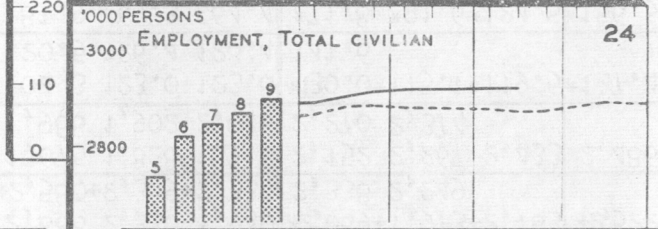
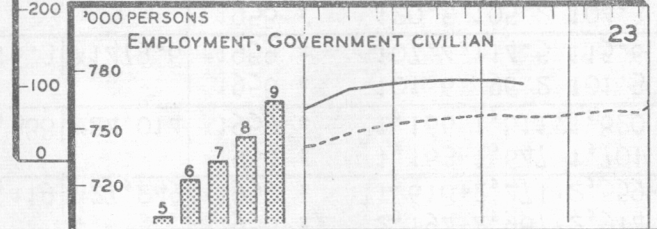
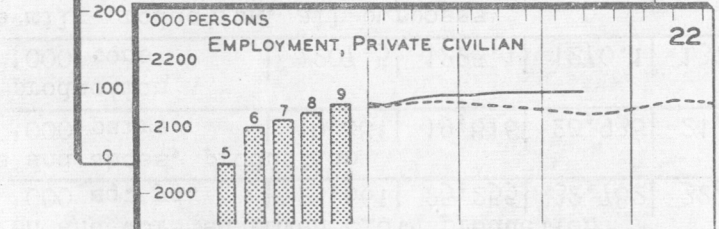
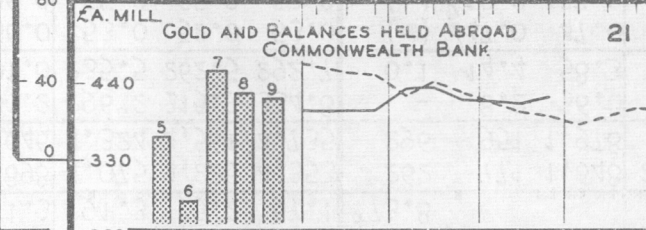
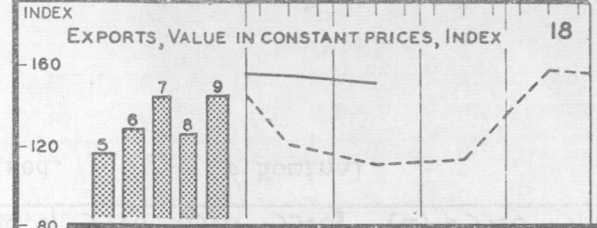
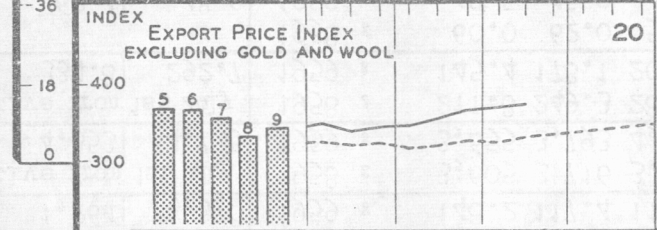
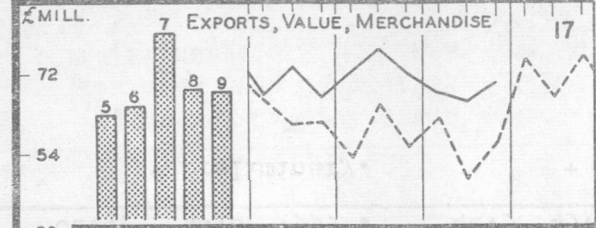
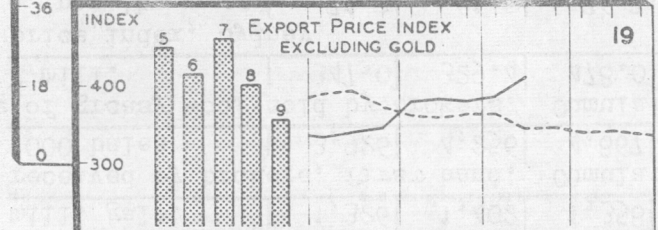
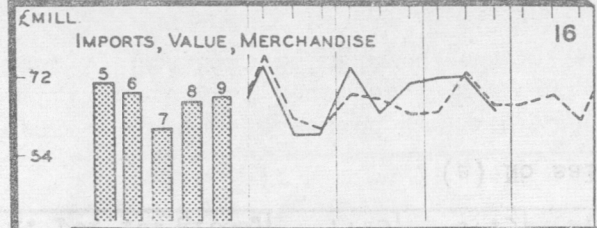
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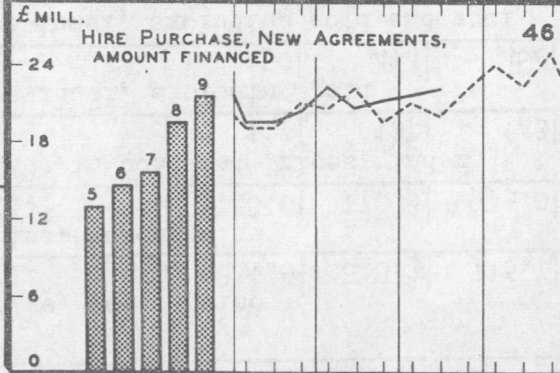
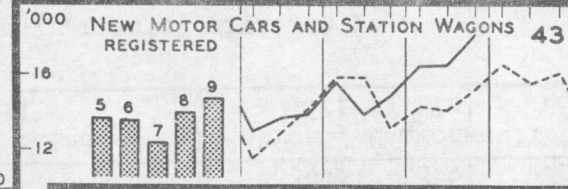
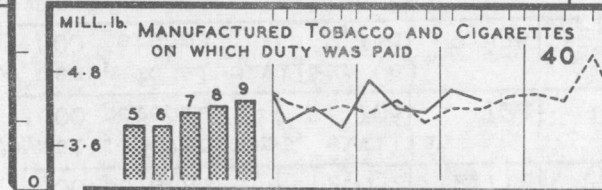
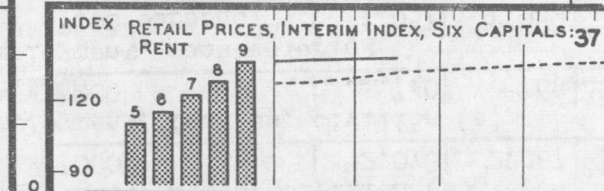
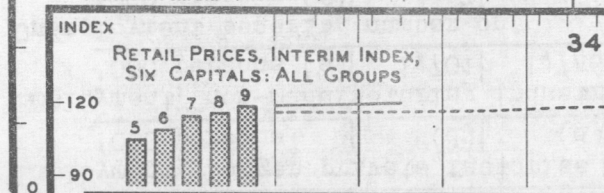
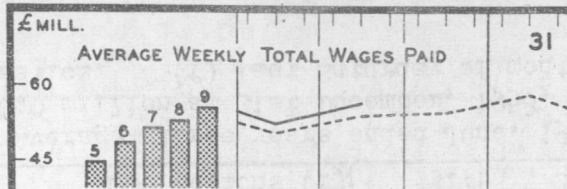
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| OVERSEA TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Imports, value, merchandise | | | | | | 1958 : | 77.0 | 62.4 | 59.4 | 67.1 | 66.6 | 63.2 | *63.8 | *72.9 | *65.5 | *65.6 | *67.5 | *62.0 |
| £. mill. | 841.0 | 818.3 | 716.7 | 789.3 | *794.5 | *1959 : | 74.4 | 58.5 | 58.9 | 73.0 | 63.1 | 69.3 | 70.7 | 71.1 | 64.1 | | | |
| 17. Exports, value, merchandise | | | | | | 1958 : | 66.6 | 60.1 | 60.9 | 52.9 | 64.3 | 54.9 | *61.4 | *47.6 | *55.7 | *74.1 | *66.2 | *75.7 |
| £. mill. | 758.0 | 770.8 | 973.0 | 811.5 | *808.5 | *1959 : | 66.9 | 73.9 | 66.5 | 72.1 | 77.3 | 71.1 | 66.6 | 64.4 | 69.0 | | | |
| 18. Exports, value in constant prices, index | | | | | | 1958 : | | 121 | | | 109 | | | *112 | | | *158 | |
| (a) | 115 | 127 | 143 | 126 | *143 | 1959 : | | *153 | | | *150 | | | | | | | |
| 19. Export price index, excluding gold | | | | | | 1958 : | 387 | 393 | 372 | 358 | 356 | 361 | 361 | 342 | 343 | *337 | *341 | *337 |
| (b) | 450 | 414 | 464 | 400 | *352 | *1959 : | 335 | 340 | 344 | *379 | *383 | *380 | *387 | *409 | | | | |
| 20. Export price index, excluding gold and wool | | | | | | 1958 : | 325 | 321 | 323 | 319 | 321 | 324 | 323 | 330 | 332 | *339 | *344 | *346 |
| (b) | 366 | 366 | 353 | 332 | *342 | *1959 : | 349 | 341 | 342 | *345 | *352 | *362 | *368 | *374 | | | | |
| 21. Gold and balances held abroad, Commonwealth Bank (c) | | | | | | 1958 : | 470 | 463 | 458 | 430 | 446 | 432 | 419 | 407 | 399 | 387 | 397 | 411 |
| £ mill. | 367 | 274 | 465 | 432 | 421 | 1959 : | 406 | 406 | 406 | 437 | 442 | 421 | 420 | 416 | +428 | 429 | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22. Employment, private, civilian (e) | | | | | | 1958 : | +2,133 | 2,141 | +2,146 | +2,139 | 2,136 | +2,132 | +2,129 | +2,126 | +2,129 | +2,134 | +2,145 | +2,143 |
| '000 persons | 2,052 | +2,112 | 2,125 | +2,133 | +2,142 | +1959 : | 2,136 | 2,148 | 2,153 | 2,154 | 2,155 | 2,156 | 2,158 | *2,159 | | | | |
| 23. Employment, Government, civilian | | | | | | 1958 : | 745 | 751 | 753 | 755 | 757 | 758 | 759 | 758 | 758 | 759 | 761 | 760 |
| '000 persons | 706 | 724 | +736 | +747 | 767 | 1959 : | 766 | 774 | 775 | 777 | 778 | 778 | 778 | *777 | | | | |
| 24. Employment, total civilian (e) | | | | | | 1958 : | +2,878 | 2,892 | +2,899 | +2,894 | 2,893 | 2,890 | +2,888 | +2,884 | +2,887 | +2,893 | +2,906 | +2,903 |
| '000 persons | 2,758 | +2,836 | +2,861 | 2,880 | +2,909 | +1959 : | 2,902 | 2,922 | 2,928 | 2,931 | 2,933 | 2,934 | 2,936 | *2,936 | | | | |
| 25. Employment, males, civilian (e) | | | | | | 1958 : | 2,087 | 2,093 | 2,097 | +2,098 | 2,098 | 2,098 | +2,095 | 2,091 | +2,093 | +2,098 | +2,106 | 2,101 |
| '000 | 2,018 | 2,067 | +2,082 | 2,089 | +2,107 | 1959 : | 2,103 | 2,114 | 2,117 | +2,121 | +2,122 | +2,123 | +2,123 | *2,123 | | | | |
| 26. Employment, females, civilian (e) | | | | | | 1958 : | 790 | 799 | +802 | 796 | 795 | 792 | 793 | +793 | 794 | 795 | 800 | +802 |
| '000 | 740 | +769 | 779 | 791 | 802 | 1959 : | +799 | +808 | +811 | 810 | 811 | 811 | 813 | *813 | | | | |
| 27. Employment, manufacturing | | | | | | 1958 : | 1,105 | 1,115 | 1,120 | 1,113 | 1,111 | 1,109 | 1,108 | 1,106 | 1,107 | 1,109 | 1,112 | 1,103 |
| '000 persons | 1,057 | 1,089 | 1,093 | 1,106 | 1,113 | 1959 : | 1,106 | 1,116 | 1,120 | 1,120 | 1,121 | 1,124 | 1,126 | *1,129 | | | | |
| 28. Employment, larger private factories | | | | | | 1958 : | 525 | 529 | 531 | 527 | 526 | 527 | 526 | 524 | 524 | 525 | 527 | 524 |
| '000 persons | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | (d) | 1959 : | 522 | +529 | 530 | 529 | +530 | 531 | 532 | 533 | *536 | | | |
| 29. Employment, non-manufacturing industries | | | | | | 1958 : | 1,772 | 1,777 | +1,779 | +1,781 | 1,782 | 1,781 | +1,780 | +1,778 | +1,780 | +1,784 | +1,794 | +1,800 |
| '000 persons (e) | 1,701 | 1,746 | 1,767 | 1,774 | 1,795 | +1959 : | 1,796 | 1,806 | 1,808 | 1,811 | 1,812 | 1,810 | 1,810 | 1,807 | | | | |
| 30. Unemployment benefit, number on | | | | | | 1958 : | 28.8 | 27.2 | 24.5 | 26.8 | 27.3 | 29.4 | 29.9 | 28.3 | 26.0 | 24.0 | 22.3 | 27.6 |
| '000 persons (f) | 3.7 | 4.0 | 12.7 | 23.9 | 27.3 | 1959 : | 31.5 | 28.2 | 27.7 | 26.8 | 27.9 | 27.5 | 27.4 | 24.8 | 22.2 | | | |

(a) Average, three years ended June, 1950 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100.
 £500.0 million at 31st December, 1958, and £516.4 million at 30th June, 1959. (d) Not available.
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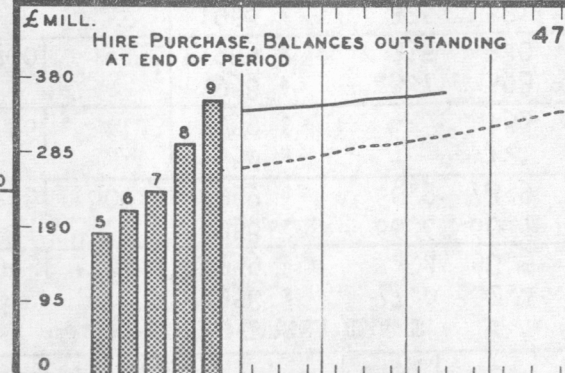
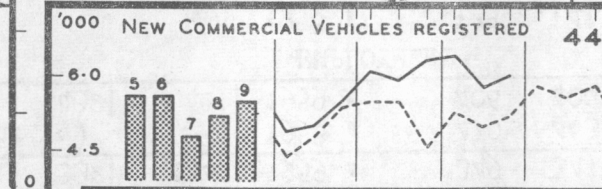
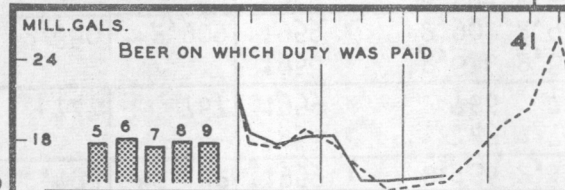
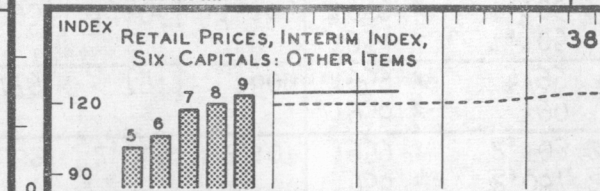
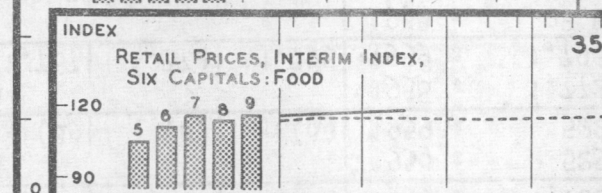
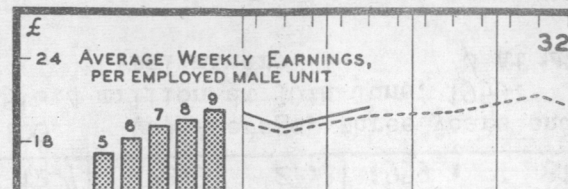
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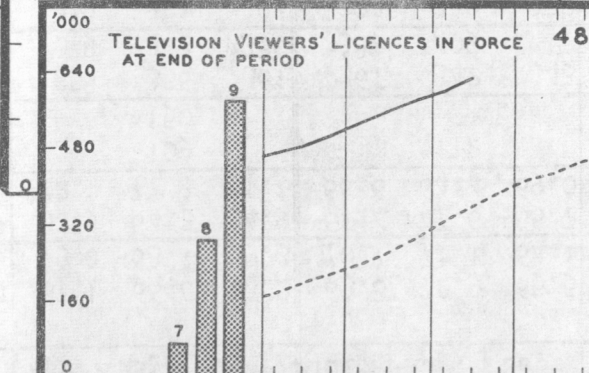
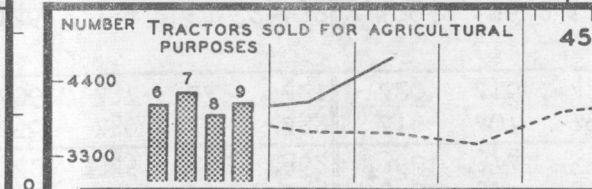
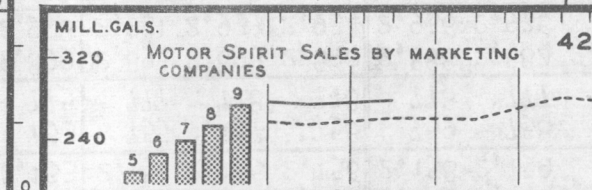
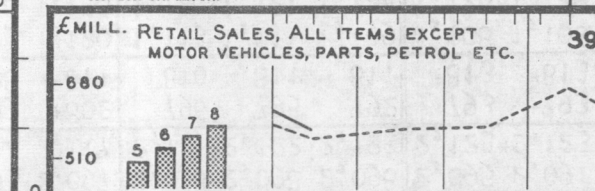
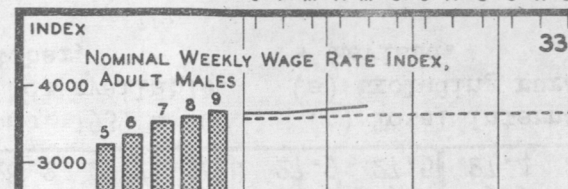
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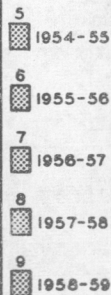
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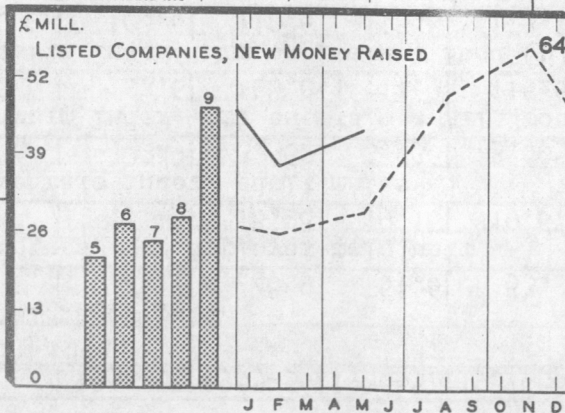
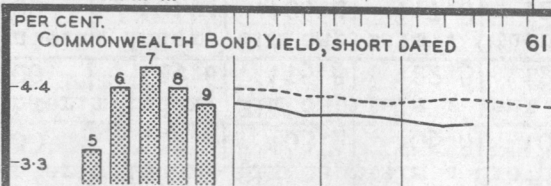
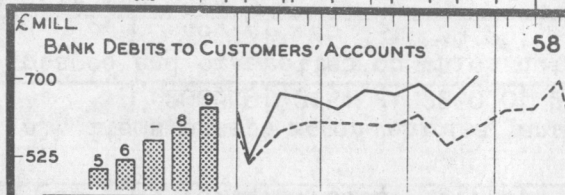
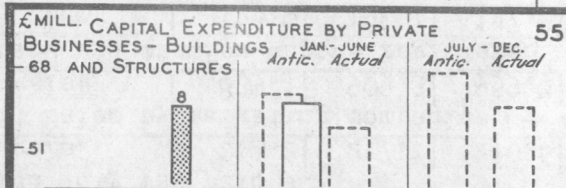
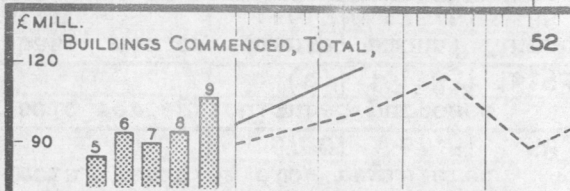
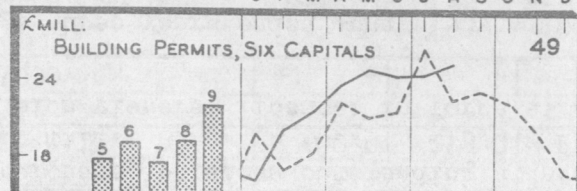
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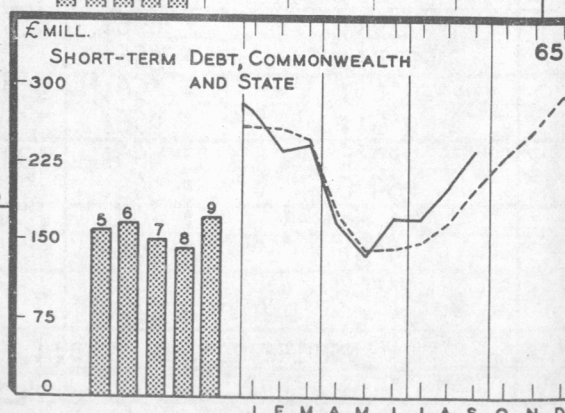
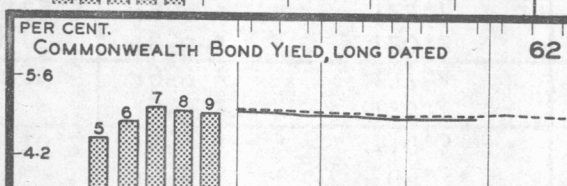
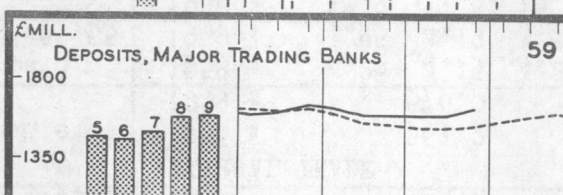
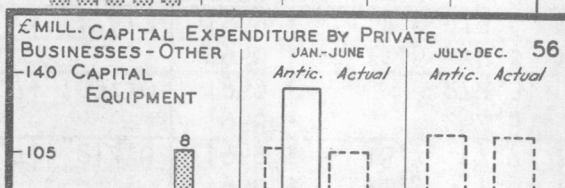
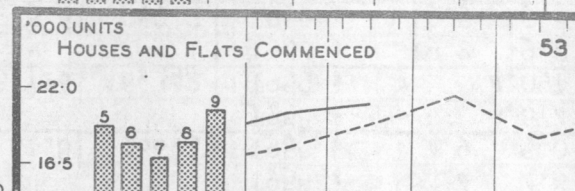
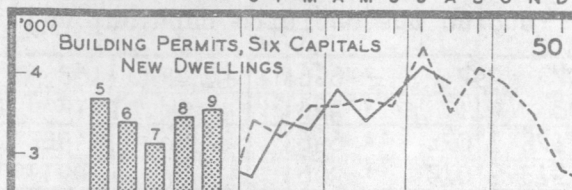
| | 1954-55 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| WAGES, RETAIL PRICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31. Average weekly total wages paid £ mill. | 44.7 | 48.9 | 51.6 | 53.3 | 55.7 | 1958 : 50.8 1959 : 52.6 | | | | 54.4 56.8 | | 54.9 | | | | 58.4 | |
| 32. Average weekly earnings, per employed male unit £ | 17.13 | 18.28 | 19.16 | 19.67 | 20.31 | 1958 : 18.68 1959 : 19.14 | | | | 19.93 20.57 | | 20.16 | | | | 21.35 | |
| 33. Nominal weekly wage rate index, adult males (a) | 3,249 | 3,362 | 3,536 | 3,605 | 3,681 | 1958 : 3,594 1959 : 3,668 | | | | 3,638 3,749 | | 3,652 | | | | 3,655 | |
| 34. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : All Groups (b) 1952-53 = 100 | 103.6 | 108.0 | 114.3 | 115.6 | 118.5 | 1958 : 115.8 1959 : 119.0 | | | | 116.5 119.7 | | 116.9 | | | | 118.3 | |
| 35. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Food (b) 1952-53 = 100 | 104.6 | 110.6 | 115.8 | 113.7 | 115.9 | 1958 : 114.4 1959 : 116.7 | | | | 114.4 117.6 | | 114.2 | | | | 115.1 | |
| 36. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Clothing 1952-53 = 100 | 102.4 | 103.3 | 105.8 | 109.2 | 110.4 | 1958 : 109.3 1959 : 110.3 | | | | 110.2 110.7 | | 110.3 | | | | 110.5 | |
| 37. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Rent 1952-53 = 100 | 109.6 | 115.5 | 122.5 | 128.4 | 136.5 | 1958 : 128.2 1959 : 137.4 | | | | 132.2 138.6 | | 134.2 | | | | 136.0 | |
| 38. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Other items 1952-53 = 100 | 101.4 | 106.4 | 117.8 | 120.2 | 123.9 | 1958 : 120.2 1959 : 124.7 | | | | 120.4 125.2 | | 121.4 | | | | 124.5 | |
| INTERNAL TRADE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39. Retail sales, all items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. £ mill. | 2008.9 | 2151.4 | 2250.0 | 2346.6 | | 1958 : 561.2 1959 : 576.0 | | | | 580.6 | | 583.9 | | | | 669.7 | |
| 40. Manufactured tobacco and cigarettes on which duty was paid mill. lb. | 46.74 | 46.83 | 49.29 | 50.66 | 51.55 | 1958 : 4.28 4.15 4.24 1959 : 3.95 4.19 3.89 | 4.12 | 4.32 | 3.97 | 4.21 | 4.20 | 4.39 | 4.43 | 4.32 | 5.03 | | |
| 41. Beer on which duty was paid mill. gals. | 213.2 | 217.1 | 210.6 | 215.7 | 214.8 | 1958 : 17.9 17.5 18.9 1959 : 18.7 17.7 18.3 | 17.8 | 16.0 | 14.4 | 14.6 | 15.0 | 16.8 | 19.1 | 20.5 | 25.8 | | |
| 42. Motor spirit sales by marketing companies mill. gals. | 839.1 | 909.3 | 959.4 | 1018.7 | 1097.0 | 1958 : 254.8 1959 : 274.3 | | | | 261.7 279.5 | | 260.7 | | | | 282.5 | |
| 43. New motor cars and station wagons registered '000 | 163.0 | 161.7 | 147.3 | 166.2 | 176.3 | 1958 : 11.5 12.8 14.2 1959 : 12.9 13.6 13.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 16.5 | 15.5 | 16.1 | | |
| 44. New commercial vehicles etc. registered '000 | 67.0 | 67.5 | 58.0 | 61.8 | 66.3 | 1958 : 4.4 4.8 5.4 1959 : 4.9 5.0 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.8 | | |
| 45. Tractors sold for agricultural purposes No. | (c) | 16,283 | 16,982 | 15,726 | 16,342 | 1958 : 3,674 1959 : 4,097 | | | | 3,667 4,768 | | 3,502 | | | | 3,975 | |
| 46. Hire purchase, new agreements, amount financed £. mill. | 156.2 | 175.5 | 188.9 | 235.6 | 259.2 | 1958 : 19.2 19.2 21.3 1959 : 19.5 19.5 20.4 | 20.7 | 22.4 | 19.6 | 21.2 | 20.1 | 22.3 | 24.1 | 22.4 | 25.0 | | |
| 47. Hire purchase, balances outstanding at end of period £. mill. | 182.9 | 213.0 | 236.5 | 296.6 | 354.2 | 1958 : 270.5 275.0 279.7 1959 : 340.7 341.8 344.1 | 286.0 | 293.0 | 296.6 | 301.6 | 306.6 | 313.6 | 321.4 | 329.2 | 338.1 | | |
| 48. Television viewers' licences in force at end of period '000 | - | - | 74 | 291 | 578 | 1958 : 178 200 220 1959 : 468 484 506 | 239 | 262 | 291 | 328 | 358 | 390 | 415 | 433 | 455 | | |

(a) Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (b) Includes potatoes and onions. For index excluding potatoes and onions, see Monthly Review of Business Statistics, p. 27. * Preliminary. + Revised. (c) Not available.

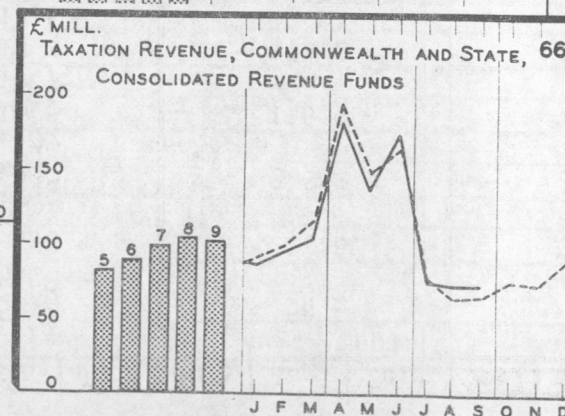
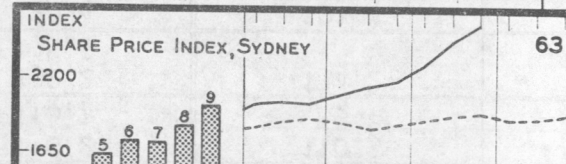
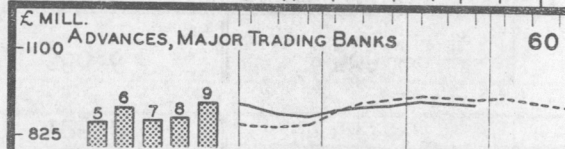
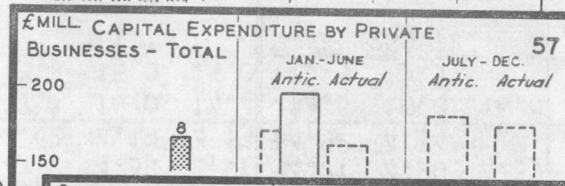
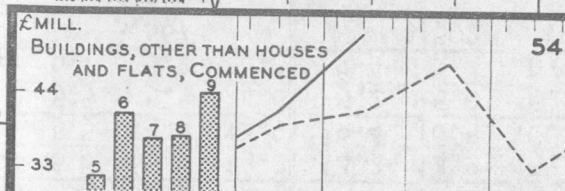
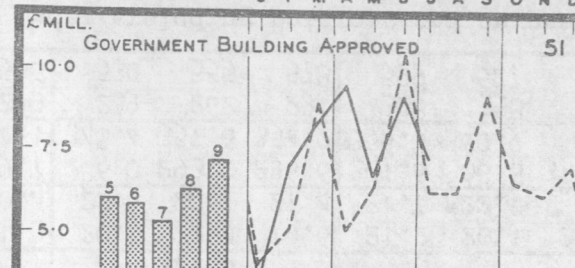
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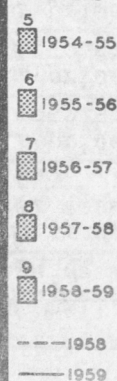
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| | 1954-55 | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | 1957-58 | 1958-59 | | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| BUILDING ETC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Building permits, Six capitals | | | | | | 1958 : | 19.7 | 17.0 | 18.3 | 22.1 | 20.9 | 21.4 | 26.1 | 22.3 | 22.9 | 22.2 | 20.0 | 16.5 |
| £ mill. | 214.7 | 226.6 | 208.8 | 229.9 | 259.9 | 1959 : | 16.0 | 20.2 | 21.4 | 23.5 | 24.6 | 24.2 | 24.3 | 25.2 | | | | |
| 10. Building permits, Six capitals, new dwellings | | | | | | 1958 : | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| '000 units | 44.1 | 40.3 | 37.4 | 41.4 | 42.5 | 1959 : | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.9 | | | | |
| 11. Government building approved | | | | | | 1958 : | 4.0 | 5.1 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 7.0 |
| £ mill. | 71.5 | 70.1 | 62.4 | 74.0 | 85.3 | 1959 : | 3.5 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 9.4 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 7.2 | | | | | |
| 12. Buildings commenced, total | | | | | | 1958 : | | 94.8 | | | 102.9 | | | 117.1 | | | 90.3 | |
| £ mill. | 339.9 | 376.8 | 359.0 | *380.8 | 431.9 | 1959 : | | 105.1 | | | 119.4 | | | | | | | |
| 13. Houses and flats commenced | | | | | | 1958 : | | 17.9 | | | 19.5 | | | 21.6 | | | 18.8 | |
| '000 units | 77.2 | 72.6 | 69.5 | 73.3 | 81.7 | 1959 : | | *20.3 | | | 21.0 | | | | | | | |
| 14. Buildings, other than houses and flats, commenced | | | | | | 1958 : | | 39.2 | | | 41.7 | | | 49.1 | | | 33.2 | |
| £ mill. | 126.8 | 164.7 | 149.5 | 151.7 | 177.1 | 1959 : | | 41.4 | | | 53.4 | | | | | | | |
| 15. Capital expenditure by private businesses - buildings and structures | | | | | | 1958 : | (63.0 anticipated) | | | 55.6 actual | | | (67.6 anticipated) | | | | 60.5 actual | |
| £ mill. | (a) | (a) | (a) | 119.6 | | 1959 : | (60.9 anticipated) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Capital expenditure by private businesses - other capital equipment | | | | | | 1958 : | (107.3 anticipated) | | | 105.8 actual | | | (113.9 anticipated) | | | | 113.7 actual | |
| £ mill. | (a) | (a) | (a) | 214.2 | | 1959 : | (134.9 anticipated) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. Capital expenditure by private businesses - total | | | | | | 1958 : | (170.3 anticipated) | | | 161.4 actual | | | (181.5 anticipated) | | | | 174.2 actual | |
| £ mill. | (a) | (a) | (a) | 333.8 | | 1959 : | (195.8 anticipated) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FINANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. Bank debits to customers' accounts (b) | | | | | | 1958 : | 513 | 588 | 609 | 609 | 608 | 603 | 623 | 558 | 598 | 640 | 644 | 707 |
| £ mill. | 492 | 521 | 563 | 592 | 636 | 1959 : | 524 | 672 | 664 | 639 | 678 | 677 | 704 | *647 | 712 | | | |
| 19. Deposits, major trading banks | | | | | | 1958 : | 1,650 | 1,648 | 1,659 | 1,625 | 1,565 | 1,558 | 1,548 | 1,539 | 1,546 | 1,580 | 1,604 | 1,626 |
| £ mill. | 1,485 | 1,477 | 1,513 | 1,596 | 1,603 | 1959 : | 1,623 | 1,645 | 1,662 | 1,648 | 1,612 | 1,612 | 1,611 | 1,614 | 1,647 | | | |
| 20. Advances, major trading banks | | | | | | 1958 : | 861 | 857 | 863 | 903 | 933 | 946 | 964 | 960 | 949 | 952 | 947 | 932 |
| £ mill. | 866 | 908 | 869 | 882 | 930 | 1959 : | 920 | 899 | 886 | 905 | 915 | 916 | 936 | 934 | 930 | | | |
| 21. Commonwealth bond yield, short dated | | | | | | 1958 : | 4.40 | 4.38 | 4.30 | 4.30 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.28 | 4.30 | 4.30 | 4.25 | 4.24 | 4.23 |
| per cent. | 3.49 | 4.39 | 4.71 | 4.38 | 4.16 | 1959 : | 4.18 | 4.15 | 4.00 | 4.01 | 4.01 | 4.00 | 3.91 | 3.88 | 3.93 | | | |
| 22. Commonwealth bond yield, long dated | | | | | | 1958 : | 5.01 | 5.01 | 4.98 | 4.96 | 4.96 | 4.94 | 4.96 | 4.97 | 4.97 | 4.98 | 4.96 | 4.93 |
| per cent. | 4.50 | 4.76 | 5.06 | 4.99 | 4.94 | 1959 : | 4.96 | 4.95 | 4.89 | 4.92 | 4.95 | 4.89 | 4.91 | 4.89 | 4.90 | | | |
| 23. Share price index, Sydney | | | | | | 1958 : | 1,821 | 1,862 | 1,867 | 1,852 | 1,812 | 1,838 | 1,861 | 1,900 | 1,914 | 1,868 | 1,883 | 1,914 |
| (c) | 1,626 | 1,726 | 1,707 | 1,836 | 1,966 | 1959 : | 1,967 | 1,998 | 1,984 | 2,045 | 2,102 | 2,156 | 2,271 | 2,440 | 2,560 | | | |
| 24. Listed companies, new money raised | | | | | | 1958 : | | 25.8 | | | 29.6 | | | 49.1 | | | 57.0 | |
| £ mill. | 87.2 | 109.2 | 95.4 | 113.2 | *187.5 | 1959 : | | 37.7 | | | *43.7 | | | | | | | |
| 25. Short-term debt, Commonwealth and State (d) | | | | | | 1958 : | 258 | 257 | 247 | 174 | 139 | 140 | 145 | 166 | 198 | 231 | 257 | 287 |
| £ mill. | 160 | 165 | 150 | 140 | 171 | 1959 : | 273 | 234 | 243 | 167 | 136 | 171 | 169 | 201 | 239 | | | |
| 26. Taxation revenue, Commonwealth and State, Consolidated Revenue Funds | | | | | | 1958 : | 92.3 | 98.4 | 115.7 | 194.7 | 149.1 | 164.1 | 78.2 | 65.9 | 66.9 | 75.3 | 74.7 | 89.6 |
| £ mill. | 996 | 1,070 | 1,180 | 1,250 | 1,225 | 1959 : | 87.8 | 95.1 | 101.4 | 180.9 | 136.1 | 172.6 | 76.9 | *69.7 | *69.9 | | | |

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.
 (d) Redeemable in Australia, at end of period. * Preliminary. + Revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

| Item | For further reference see below, public- ation No. | Item | For further reference see below public- ation No. |
|--|---|--|--|
| 1. | 17 | 39. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. | 7 |
| 2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale. .. | 17 | 40-41. Figures include customs clearances as well as local production on which excise duty was paid. .. | - |
| 3. Total produced in gas works. .. | 17 | 42. Includes also sales by refineries direct to consumers. Source: Department of National Development. .. | - |
| 4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. | 17 | 43-44. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. | 24,25 |
| 5. Portland cement. | 23 | 45. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors. .. | 8 |
| 6. Excludes assembled chassis imported as such. .. | 19 | 46-47. Figures relate to agreements, in respect of retail sales, made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Outstanding balances include hiring charges and insurance. | 26 |
| 7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. | 18 | 48. | 15 |
| 8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. .. | 20 | 49-50. Building permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings, except those erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities. | 15 |
| 9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. .. | 21 | 51. Contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Excludes government buildings erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities | 15 |
| 10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots | 22 | 52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. | 3 |
| 11. In terms of fresh meat (bone-in weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. | 14 | 53. Excludes conversions to flats. | 15 |
| 12. | 11 | 54. See 52 above. | 3 |
| 13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale | - | 55-57. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half-year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive. | 2 |
| 14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. | - | | |
| 15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. .. | 27 | | |
| 16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. | 16 | | |
| 18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the three years ended 30th June, 1950. | 1 | | |
| 19-20. | 13 | | |
| 21. Central banking business. Annual and June figures as at 30th June, other figures last Wednesday of month. .. | 9 | | |
| 22,24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas, and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. | 12 | | |

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| 23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State and Local) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. | 12 |
| 27. Figures for periods to June, 1958 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. | 12 |
| 28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. | 12 |
| 29. See 22 above. | 12 |
| 30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. | 12 |
| 31. Derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, other direct monthly collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. | 12 |
| 32. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. | 12 |
| 33. Based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia. | 15 |
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